

PHP7

and the RFCs



Technical Interpreter Changes

- Abstract Syntax Tree
- jsond
- Fast Parameter API
- Native TLS Support
- NG merged to Master
- 64 bit platform improvements for string length and integers
- gc_collect_cycle as function pointer



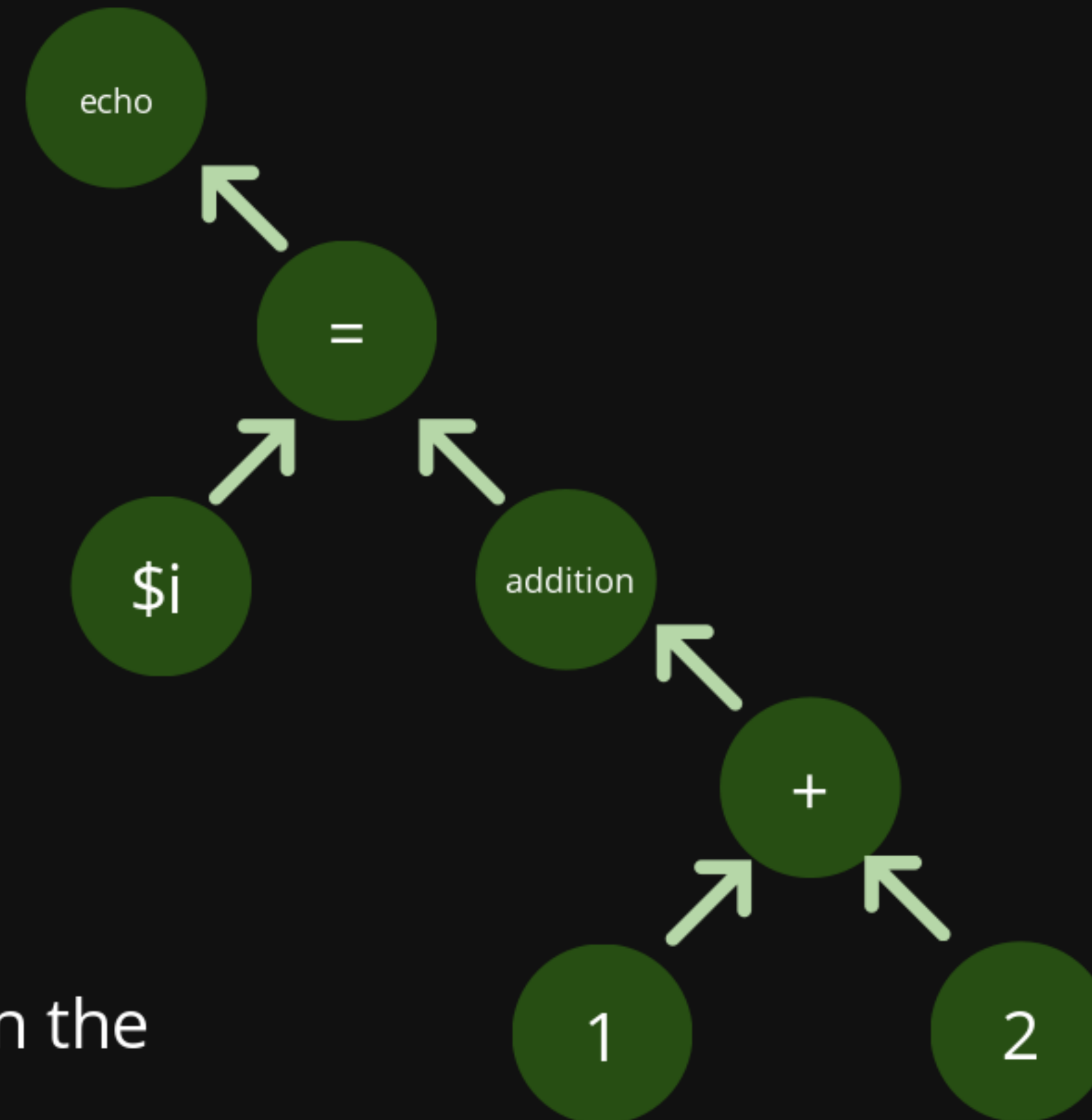
Abstract Syntax Tree

```
<?php
function addition($a, $b){
    return $a + $b;
}
$i = addition(1,2);
echo $i;
```

Atomic operations are harder to predict and to analyze before execution

AST

- higher memory allocation
- allows optimizations based on the graphs
- foundation for JIT improvements



JSOND

Opensource

Mainly Internal implications

C headers

C Macros



Fast Parameter Parsing API

Reduces the overhead of repeated parsing of character to gain a performance boost

NFA to DFA

instead of passing a character to determine if what type it uses C-Macros



Native TLS Support

Thread-local Storage

Mainly for Better thread handling and
stability



NG - Merge to Master

Complete change of execution Model

Foundation for future JIT implementations



64Bit improvements for string length and integers

Implementation of platform 64 bit handlers
for a more consistent behaviour.



Garbage Collection Cycles as a function Pointer

For future Extensions a GC collection function pointer is
added to hook into the cycle



Error Behaviour

- Engine and Parse Exceptions
- Reclassify E_STRICT Notices
- Catchable "call to member function of a non object"



Engine and Parse Exceptions

- 2 new "core" Exceptions (ParseException & EngineException)
- The error model changes to an exception model!
- Exceptions can be handled gracefully
- final blocks are invoked
- __destruct() is invoked
- eval() throws an exception



Reclassify E_STRICT notices

- It will mainly converted to a E_NOTICE and loose any other meaning



Catchable "call to member function of a non object"

- `E_FATAL_ERROR` will be converted to a `E_RECOVERABLE_ERROR`



Cleanup

- Constructor behaviour of internal classes
- Remove PHP4 Constructor
- Remove date.timezone warning
- Preserve fractional part in json encode
- Remove alternative PHP tags
- Fix handling of custom session handler return value
- Remove HEX support in numeric strings
- Removal of dead SAPIS



Constructor behaviour of internal classes

These Classes will now ALL throw an Exception if the constructor "fails"

- finfo
- PDO
- Collator
- IntlDateFormatter
- MessageFormatter
- NumberFormatter
- ResourceBundle
- IntlRuleBasedBreakIterator
- UConverter
- SplFixedArray
- ReflectionFunction
- ReflectionParameter
- ReflectionMethod
- ReflectionProperty
- ReflectionExtension
- ReflectionZendExtension
- Phar
- PharData
- PharFileInfo



PHP 4 Constructor removed

Finally this wont be called as a constructor anymore

```
<?php  
  
class Test {  
    function Test() {  
        echo 'test';  
    }  
}
```



Switch default multiples

no more multiple defaults
it will cause a compile error!

```
<?php
switch ($expr) {
    default:
        neverExecuted();
        break;
    default:
        executed();
}
```



Function behaviour

- filtered unserialize
- generator return expressions
- continue output buffering despite aborted connection



filtered unserialize

security measure to prevent code injections via classes in serialized strings

```
<?php
// this will unserialize everything as before
$data = unserialize($foo);
// this will convert all objects into __PHP_Incomplete_Class object
$data = unserialize($foo, ["allowed_classes" => false]);
// this will convert all objects except ones of
// MyClass and MyClass2 into __PHP_Incomplete_Class object
$data = unserialize($foo, ["allowed_classes" => ["MyClass", "MyClass2"]]);
//accept all classes as in default
$data = unserialize($foo, ["allowed_classes" => true]);
```



Continued Buffering even on connection los

Basically you can use the output buffer -> `ob_start(callback)`
it will remain as long as the buffer layer remains



Interpreter Behaviour

- Context Sensitive Lexer
- Uniform variable syntax
- ZPP Failure on Overflow
- Integer Semantics
- Unicode Codepoint Escape Syntax
- Fixed foreach behaviour
- Fixed list behaviour inconsistency



New reserved type names!

the following types are reserved in php7 and can not be used as interface or trait names

- int
- float
- bool
- string
- true, false
- null



Context Sensitive Lexer

Lexems are put in to Context so the interpreter
commando list != ClassName->list

```
<?php
class ContextSensitiveLexer {

    /**
     * an example for an error
     * -> const class
     */

    /**
     * @var array
     */
    public $list = [];

    const continue = 12;

    const array = 10;
}

echo ContextSensitiveLexer::continue; // is 12
echo ContextSensitiveLexer::array; // is 10
```



Uniform variable syntax

it's for a clearer context in the nesting *hierarchy*

WILL BREAK NON EXPLICIT DYNAMIC VARIABLE GENERATION

Incompatibilities

```
<?php
$$foo['bar']['baz']
$foo->$bar['baz']
$foo->$bar['baz']()
Foo::$bar['baz']()

// old meaning
${$foo['bar']['baz']}
$foo->{$bar['baz']}
$foo->{$bar['baz']}()
Foo::{$bar['baz']}()

// new meaning
($$foo)['bar']['baz']
($foo->$bar)['baz']
($foo->$bar)['baz']()
(Foo::$bar)['baz']()
```



ZPP failure on overflow

fixes float overflows! ;)

Integer Semantics

```
<?php
// Was: int(-9223372036854775808)
// Now: int(0)
var_dump((int)NAN);
// Was: int(-9223372036854775808)
// Now: int(0)
var_dump((int)INF);
// Was: int(4611686018427387904)
// Now: bool(false) and E_WARNING
var_dump(1 << -2);
// Was: int(8)
// Now: int(0)
var_dump(8 >> 64);
```



Unicode Codepoint Escape Syntax

possibility to determinate the difference between

```
echo "ma\u{00F1}ana"; // pre-composed character  
echo "man\u{0303}ana"; // "n" with combining ~ character (U+0303)
```

which are not visible outside the unicode escape syntax

```
echo "mañana";  
echo "mañana";
```

and allows access to other symbols within the unicode

```
echo "\u{1F602}"; // outputs 🤪
```



Fixed foreach behaviour

Inconsistencies for edge cases are fixed

```
$ php -r '$a = [1,2,3]; foreach($a as $v) {echo $v . " - " . current($a) . "\n";}'  
1 - 1  
2 - 1  
3 - 1
```



Fixed list behaviour

Strings now can be split by list

```
list($a,$b) = "str"; //will now be handles like $a = "s"; $b = "t";
```



I can has new featurez!

